HOW TO COMPLETE MISSED RAKAATS

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HOW TO JOIN A 2 RAKAAT SALAAT AS IN FAJR AND JUMAH SALAATS

1. **If one joins the Jamaat in the first rakaat,** the general rule is to complete the salaat behind the Imam without reciting Thana. The method of doing so is: - stand - say Takbeer - fold the hands - pause for the amount of time it takes to recite Subahaan Allah 3 times then proceed with the Imam. Both rakaats are done and nothing else is required.

2. **If the Imam was joined in the 2nd rakaat,** (i.e. the whole first rakaat was missed) then do the same as the above - but when the Imam begins the second salaam (i.e. to the left) stand up, recite thana and perform the missed rakaat with tashahhud at the end. Tashahhud will be read twice in the salaat - i.e. - in both rakaats. *(Durrul Mukhtar, vol. 1, Pg 86)*

3. If one joined the Imam late in the second rakaat - (i.e. - in tashahhud) then join the salaat as above and continue but instead of completing only one missed rakaat - complete two rakaats. Read tashahhud only in the last rakaat. *(Durrul Mukhtar, vol. 1, Pg. 86)*

4. The Sunnat of Fajr should be performed prior to the Farz but if there is fear that one will miss the Farz with Jamaat, then perform the Farz first and thereafter make Qaza of the Sunnat.

5. Qaza of Farz and Witr is necessary. However the 2 rakaats Sunnat of Fajr salaat should be made if Qaza is made before zawwaal.

HOW TO JOIN A 3 RAKAAT SALAAT AS IN MAGHRIB AND THE WITR OF RAMADAN

A. MAGHRIB SALAAT

1. **If a person joined the Imam in the first rakaat** then join the Jamaat as explained earlier and complete the salaat with the Imam.
2. **If a person joined the Imam in the second rakaat,** then join as above but continue until the Imam begins the second salaam - then stand up and complete the missed rakaat with tashahhud.
3. **If a person joined the Imam in the last (third) rakaat,** then do the same as 2 above but instead of completing one missed rakaat - he will have to complete two rakaats. Read tashahhud in both these rakaats.

*NB: It is very **IMPORTANT** to note that both the repeated rakaats in 3 above must contain the tashahhud. If a person forgot to sit in one of them - Sijda-e-sahu will be necessary before the final salaam. If one completely forgot about Sijda-e-sahu, then the salaat will have to be repeated. This is only the case if one joins a three rakaat salaat in the final rakaat.*

4. If a person joins the salaat in the tashahhud of the final rakaat then he must stand up when the Imam begins the second salaam, and complete all three rakaats in the normal way including thana in the first rakaat.
5. If surah Naas was read in the second rakaat then the masbooq can read any surah he likes in the missed rakaats. *(Durrul Mukhtar, vol. 1, Pg. 557)*

B. WITR SALAAT:

The same laws (1-5) above apply to Witr with the exception of the Qunoot.

1. **If the masbooq joins the Imam** in the third rakaat of Witr in Ramadaan **BEFORE the qunoot** has been recited - then it is not necessary for him to repeat the Qunoot in the missing rakaats. *(Mirqatul Falah, Pg. 225)*
2. **If a person joins the Imam after the Qunoot** then he must read the Qunoot in the remaining rakaat.

HOW TO JOIN A FOUR RAKAAT SALAAT AS IN ZUHR, ASR AND ESHA

1. **If the masbooq joins the Imam in the first rakaat then** he should join with Takbeer, no thana, and listen to the Imam and complete with him. No rakaats have been missed.

2. **If the masbooq joins the Imam in the second rakaat** then he should join as above but when the Imam BEGINS the final salaam, he should stand up and complete the first missed rakaat with: 1. Qiyaam, 2. Thana, 3. Fatiha, 4. Surah, 5. Tashahhud and 6. Salaam.

3. **If the masbooq joined the Imam in the third rakaat** then he should continue as above but after completion of the first missed rakaat he should stand up before salaam and tashahhud (i.e. he should not recite tashahhud in the first missed rakaat. After the sijdas - he should stand up and recite another full rakaat with tashahhud and salaam). In both these missed rakaat an additional surah must be read after Surah Fatiha. (i.e. 1. Qiyaam. 2. Fatiha, 3. Surah, 4. Ruku, and 5. Sijda in the 1st missed rakaat and 1. Qiyaam, 2. Fatiha, 3. Surah, 4. Ruku, 5. Sijda, 6. Tashahhud, 7. Salaam in the second missed rakaat. *(Durrul Mukhtar, Vol. 1, Pg. 86)*

4. **If the Masbooq joined in the 4th rakaat** then he should stand at the commencement of the second salaam and read 1. Thana, 2. Fatiha, 3. Surah and 4. Tashahhud. In the next rakaat Surah Fatiha and Surah but no tashahhud. In the last rakaat only Surah Fatiha no surah and tashahhud. *(Durrul Mukhtar, vol. 1, Pg. 86)*

5. **If the masbooq joined the Imam in the tashahhud of the 4th rakaat** - then he should stand up at the commencement of the Imams second salaam and read the whole 4 rakaats as normal (i.e. with 1. Thana, 2. Fathiha, 3. Surah etc.)

HOW TO JOIN THE SALAAT OF JUMAH

A. WE SHALL FIRST DISCUSS GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR JUMAH.

The general procedure for Jumu'ah in South Africa is:

a. A lecture is delivered before the Arabic Khutbah for approximately twenty minutes.

b. After the lecture, a few minutes are allocated for the performance of the four rak'aats Sunnat Muakidah Salaat.

1. If one enters the Masjid **just before the Khutba or while the Khutbah is on,** then the 4 Rakaat Sunaat-e-Muakidda should not be recited but the Khutbah should be listened to and the Sunnat should be performed as Qaza after Jummah.
2. If the masbooq enters **while the lecture is on** then he should make his 4 Sunnat-e-muakkida and await the khutba.
3. If the masbooq has **already started his Sunnat rakaats** and the Khutba starts then he should complete the rakaats and then listen to the Khutbah.
4. Note that there is **no tayamum** for a masbooq **for Jumah** salaat since it can be substituted with Zuhr. The only time that tayamum is allowed is for those salaats which have no substitute nor Qaza such as Eid and Janazah salaat.
5. The two rakaats of Jumah will be joined in exactly the same way as the 2 rakaats of Fajr, (see section one). The only difference will be the time and the intention.

HOW TO JOIN THE IMAM IN THE EID SALAAT

1. If the late comer joins the Jamaat **before the first three takbeers,** then he should join the salaat without thana and continue as normal.
2. a. If the late comer joins the Jamaat **after the first 3 takbeers** then he should join the Jamaat and recite the missed takbeers while standing and continue with the Imam.

   b. If the Imam is going into Ruku - he should first recite the missed Takbeers then go into ruku.

   c. If the late comer feels that he will miss the first rakaat if he recites the three takbeers then he should go into Ruku immediately after Takbeer-e-Tahrima and recite the three takbeers in Ruku instead of the Ruku tasbeeh. He should not raise his hands for these takbeers.
3. If the Masbooq **misses the first Rakaat,** he should complete the second rakaat with the Imam but when the Imam starts the second salaam, stand up and read one rakaat with 3 Takbeers after the surah and then end off in the usual way. *(Fatawa Alamgiri, vol. 1, Pg. 261)*
4. If the masbooq misses both rakaats, and joins the Imam in jalsa (sitting) then he should stand up when the Iman starts the second salaam and complete the whole Eid salaat with the extra six Takbeers.

HOW TO JOIN THE IMAM IN THE JANAZA SALAAT

1. There are two Faraaiz in the Janaza Salaat:

   a. To stand

   b. To recite four Takbeers.

2. If the late comer fears that if he performs wudhu, he will miss the Janaza Salaat, then only is it permissible for him to perform Tayamum and join the Janaza Salaat. This rule applies to Janaza and Eid Salaats only.

3. If the late comer arrives after the Imam has recited one or more Takbeers, he should join the Jamaat when the Imam recites the next Takbeer. **Duas should not be recited.**

4. Even if the Imam has completed all four Takbeers, the late comer should join the Jamaat before the Imam recites the Salaam and complete all the missed Takbeers thereafter.

SIJDA-E-SAHW

GENERAL

1. If the masbooq mistakenly makes both Salaams with the Imam and is thereafter reminded by someone in words, or by a sign such as tapping or any other form of indication and he responds by standing up - then his Salaat will be invalid and will have to be repeated.

   However, if by his own deduction after pondering for a while he realises and makes his own decision, he can complete the Salaat by making the Sajda Sahu which then becomes necessary. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 533)*

2. After a masbooq makes any mistake in his missed rak'aat/s which makes the Sajda Sahu necessary, he should make the Sajda Sahu. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 526 - Mabsoot of Saraskhi, vol. 1, pg. 229)*

3. If a masbooq joins the Jamaat after the Sajda Sahu, then his following is valid and he does not have to repeat the Sajda Sahu. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 526)*

4. If the masbooq joins the Jamaat and then the Imam makes the Sajda Sahu, the masbooq must follow the Imam. *(Alamgiri, vol. 1, pg. 67)*

5. If the masbooq joins the Jamaat in the second Sajda of Sijda-e Sahu, his following the Imam is valid and he does not have to perform a Qaza of the missed Sajda Sahu. *(Alamgiri, vol. 1, pg. 66)*

6. If the masbooq stands up when the Imam makes a Salaam for Sajda Sahu thinking that the Salaam was the end of the Salaat, it is Wajib (necessary) for him to make the Sajda. *(Alamgiri, vol. 1, pg. 66)*

7. If the Imam forgot to make Sajda Sahu and only remembered to do so after the masbooq stood up to complete his missed rakaats, then the masbooq:-

   a. can join the Imam from the standing position, perform the Sajda Sahu and when the Imam begins to recite the second Salaam, stand up and complete his Salaat.

   b. not join the Imam and perform the Sajda Sahu at the completion of the Salaat.

   c. if he returns and joins the Imam in Sajda Sahu, his Salaat will be

invalid. *(Alamgiri, vol. 1, pg. 66)*

8. If the masbooq deliberately leaves out the Sajda Sahu with the Imam but stands up to complete his Salaat, he will have to make the sajda Sahu for his Salaat to be valid. He will be sinful for not performing the Sajda Sahu with the Imam. *(Alamgiri, vol. 1, pg. 66)*

9. If the masbooq forgetfully makes Salaam with the Imam, raises his hands, makes dua and thereafter remembers that he is a masbooq, he must stand up, complete his Salaat and perform Sajda Sahu provided that he has not spoken to anyone. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 60)*

10.a. If a masbooq joins the Jamaat in the Qaida Aakhira (last sitting) after the Maghrib Salaat and the Imam mistakenly rises to perform an extra (4th) rak'aat, the masbooq's Salaat is invalidated.

b. If a masbooq joins the Imam in the mistaken extra (4th) rak'aat, then too his Salaat is invalid irrespective of whether the Imam performs the Sajda Sahu or not. *(Durrul Mukhtar and marginal notes Shami, vol. 1, pg. 560)*

11. If a muqeem performs his Salaat behind an Imam who is a musafir, he has to complete his remaining Salaat like the masbooq and in the event of him erring while completing his Salaat, he has to perform the Sajda Sahu. The masbooq should not recite Tashahhud, Durood-e-Ibrahim or dua in the last sitting of the Imam (Jamaat). *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 229)*

12. Sajda Sahu is not Wajib (compulsory) if the masbooq recites Tashahhud, Durood-e-Ibrahim and dua in the last sitting of the Jamaat.

13. If the late comer makes salaam with or before the Imam then there is no need to make Sijda-e-sahu.

14. If a masbooq joined the Maghrib or Witr of Ramadhaan salaat in the final rakaat he will have to perform tashahhud in both the missed rakaats. If he forgot to do so - he will have to perform Sijd-e-sahu.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. There is Qaza for Fard or Waajib Salaat.
2. There is NO Qaza for Nafl salaat. However a Nafl salaat that was broken after it was started will have to be repeated.
3. The Sunnat of Fajr should be made Qaza if it is done before Zawwaal.
4. The 4 Sunnat-e- muakkida on the day of Jumah can be performed after Jumah salaat if missed.
5. Tayamum cannot be performed by a masbooq for any namaaz which has a substitute. Eid and Janaazah namaaz have no Qaza or substitute and therefore - the masbooq may perform tayamum for these two.
6. The masbooq should stand up to complete the missed rakaats when the Imaan begins to recite the second salaam so that he is certain not to miss a possible Sajd-e-sahu by the Imam.
7. The general rule is to miss Thana if one joins the Jamaat later in the 1st rakaat.
8. If the masbooq joins the Imam after proper Qiyaam (standing) and goes in Ruku, then the rakaat is valid.
9. If the masbooq proceeds for Qiyaam to Ruku while the Imam begins to recite "Sami Allahu liman Hamida", then the ruku is not valid, thus invalidating the rakaat as well.
10. The masbooq can join the Imam in any position after reciting Takbeer, standing and then proceeding to the position of the Imam.
11. A masbooq must not turn his face with the Imam when the Imam is performing Sajda-e-sahu.
12. The masbooq completing the rak'aats of the vocal (Fajr, Maghrib and Esha) Salaat has the option of either reciting the Salaat silently or audibly. If, however he decided to recite it audibly, then he should do so in lowest possible voice. *(Durrul Mukhtar and marginal notes Shami, vol. 1, pg. 498)*
13. If for some reason, the Imams Salaat is invalid, the masbooq's Salaat is also invalidated. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 553)*

14. The masbooq after reciting the Tashahhud in the last sitting of the Jamaat may:

    a. Remain silent and wait for the Imam to make Salaam.

    b. Repeat the Tashahhud

    c. Recite the second Kalimah. *(Kabiri, vol. 1, pg 441)*

15. A person has to join the Jamaat before the recitation of "meem" in the first Salaam to be classified as a masbooq for this is the part where the Salaat ends. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 346)*

16. If the masbooq joins the Jamaat just before the Salaam, then it is better for him to recite the Tashahhud before rising to complete the missing rak'aats. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 463)*

17. The Salaat of a masbooq is valid even if he does not fold his hands after reciting the Takbeer-e-Tahrima but proceeds directly to join the Imam in whatever position he is in. *(Bakrul Raiq)*

18. The masnoon method of joining the Imam in Ruku is to recite the Takbeer-e-Tahrima first, fold the hands, recite another Takbeer and then go into the Ruku. If the masbooq joins the Imam without folding his hands or reciting the other Takbeer, then the Salaat as well as the rak'aat are still valid. *(Durrul Mukhtar and Shami, vol. 1, pg. 443)*

19. If for some reason the Muqtadee feels that the Imam is making the Salaam before reciting the Durood and/or dua, he should follow the Imam in making Salaam, but if he has not completed the Tashahhud, then he should complete the Tashahhud and thereafter make the Salaam. *(Shami, vol. 1, pg. 439)*

GLOSSARY

1.	Musbooq	A late comer in Salaat
2.	Thana	Sub-haana-kal-laa-hum-ma-wa-bi-hamdi-ka-wa- ta-baa-rakas-mu-ka-wa-taa-aala-jad-du-ka-wa-laa-ilaa-ha-ghay-ruk
3.	Fathiha	Sura Fathiha - Alhamdu
4.	Rak'aat	One unit of prayer
5.	Tashahhud	Attahiyat
6.	Sajda Sahu	performance of two additional sajids after salaam to the right side only after tashahudd in order to compensate for a defect in the performance of Salaat.

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